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	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Competitive Telecommunications Association,	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Florida Competitive Carriers Association,)
and Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association)
) CC Docket No. 98-39
Petition On Defining Certain Incumbent LEC Affiliates)
As Successors, Assigns, or Comparable Carriers)
Under Section 251(h) of the Communications Act)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Competitive Telecommunications Association, the Florida Competitive Carriers Association, and the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association (collectively, "Petitioners"), by their counsel, respectfully request a three-week extension of time for all parties to file reply comments in this proceeding.

The Public Notice establishing the procedural schedule for this proceeding, DA 98-627 (released April 1, 1998), set the comment date for May 1, 1998 and the reply comment date for May 18, 1998. Due to the large number of parties filing comments in this proceeding and the pendency of due dates in several other proceedings, it will be difficult for the Petitioners and other parties to analyze fully the comments filed and prepare reply comments by May 18. Accordingly, we request a three-week extension, until **June 8, 1998**.

The requested extension of time will not harm any party; it the

Petitioners themselves who are requesting rapid Commission action on the petition.

And the Commission (and all parties) will benefit from the ability to make a

No. of Copies rec'd 0 1/4 List ABCDE reasoned decision based on a more fully developed record. Thus, the relatively brief extension of time that we are requesting is in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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